

**HOLIDAY TRADE IS  
BEST IN HISTORY,  
BUSINESS MEN SAY**

## Money Plentiful, and Christmas Buying Is Breaking All Records

Every business man in Washington should be doing the business of his life these days or, if not, should be making a careful investigation of why the

shekels are not pouring into his establishment. This statement is not based on charges, but on the actual conditions that exist, as described by business men of the city.

"It is the finest year we've ever had," exclaimed Isaac Jans, manager of Saks & Co., the Market Square clothiers, when asked about trade conditions. "We had a bigger day Saturday

than we anticipated, and indications are that the trade for the holidays will break all records. People always buy more on the two or three days preceding the holiday proper."

**Record Has Been Broken.**

"Last season's record has been broken

and we have everything to be thankful for," said B. M. Bridget, of the firm of Parker, Bridget & Co. "It looks as if this Christmas is going to be the finest season in a business way we have had."

Harris Brown, of the F street jewelry firm of Harris Brown & Co., declared more people were buying jewelry this season than in any other year he has been in the business.

A. Lisner, owner of the Palais Royal, expressed his opinion of the business condition by merely stating that "everything was just fine." Mr. Lisner court-

ously explained that he was so busy he couldn't spend much time giving interviews. "But you can take my word for it," he said, "that everything is just fine, fine."

**Trade Is Satisfactory.**

"This has been the most satisfactory season that we ever have experienced," said Sigmund Kann, of S. Kann, Sons & Co. "The Christmas shopping season began early with a rush never be-

fore experienced, and it has kept up ever since. Buying has been steady, and the season will be a record-breaking one for us."

S. M. Woodward, president of the Woodward & Lothrop Company, was too busy because of the rush of busi-

"You may quote me," he said, "as saying that Christmas trade this year is most highly satisfactory."

### Killed by Drug Test.

PARIS, Dec., 25.—A sensation has been caused in academic circles here by the death from morphine poisoning of René Bichet, one of the most brilliant

graduates. The police say that a college friend who was a victim of the morphine habit induced Bichet to try the effects of the drug and gave him a hypodermic injection, which proved fatal.

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